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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

PROPOSED UNITED STATES EXPORT OF POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE ARTERIAL GRAFTS

TO HUNGARY (AE-6)

10th October, 1960

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM Document 4158.

1. The FRENCH Delegate, remarking that the time limit for objecting to the United States proposal to export to Hungary 53 assorted woven arterial grafts would expire that day, stated that his authorities raised no objection to the proposed export. He added that they had noted with interest that in this connexion the United States Delegation had used the argument that the high cost of the product made it extremely unlikely that any attempt would be made to transform it into forms of a strategic nature.

2. The UNITED STATES Delegate noted that no Delegations had objected to the United States proposal, and thanked all Delegations for their favorable views. He observed that obviously there were circumstances in which it was valid to use the reasoning to which the French Delegate had referred, and circumstances in which it was not. It was of course well known that Bloc countries frequently offered premium prices in order to satisfy strategic needs, but the United States authorities did not believe that this was such a case. In conclusion, the Delegate expressed doubt whether his French colleague had been speaking seriously.

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